

February 28th 2011

Transportation Committee
Room 2300, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter in opposition of HB 5103 *An Act requiring annual safety inspections for all motor vehicles.*

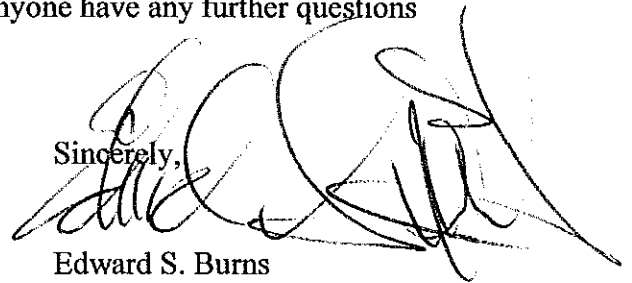
I am in opposition of this bill mainly because of the added financial cost to the tax payer. Speaking for myself, I live in the City of West Haven, where the mill rate for my district is 35.510. Last year, I paid over \$400.00 for my car taxes alone. In the next year, municipal taxes will probably be rising in my town, because there isn't enough money to even fund education. Two elementary schools closed before the start of the 2010-2011 school year. I've heard similar stories of financial trouble in towns and cities all over the state. On top of the payments that must be made in order to keep my car registered, insured, and fit for operation on the streets of Connecticut, if this bill passes, I will also have to cough up an additional fee for the safety inspection of my cars.

Governor Malloy stated in his proposed budget that the \$500.00 tax credit found on the state income tax form might be gone as of 2012. He also proposed an increase to the state income tax rate. If these two things ever see the light of day, the average state resident will lose \$15 weekly from their pay. That's half my electric bill in the winter and half my gas bill in the summer.

I ask you, the members of the Transportation Committee to consider these added burdens when and if you vote on this bill. This is an additional slap in the face to the already struggling families in the State of Connecticut.

My contact information is listed below should anyone have any further questions regarding my testimony. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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